

Ephesians 4:29~ Let a rotten saying not proceed out of your mouth, but whatever saying is good for building up, as the need may be, that it may impart what is favorable to the hearers.

- 1• All Christians should guard closely, what they say to all others. They should not let any rotten saying come out of their mouths. Rather they should speak the things, that are good for the upbuilding of their brothers, and to all, as the need may be. Their purpose in speaking should always be, to impart what is favorable to the listener.

[Question] Why is it important to guard, what comes out of our mouths?

[Question] What things should we try to speak to one another always?

[Question] What then, should be the purpose of our communications with our brothers?

- 2• Not **what** enters into his **mouth** defiles a man, but it is **what proceeds out** of his **mouth** that defiles a man. (**Matthew 15:11**)

[Question] What really defiles a man?

- 3• Out of the same **mouth** come forth blessing and cursing. It is not proper, my brothers, for these things to go on occurring this way. (**James 3:10**)

[Question] What comes out of the same opening, and is this proper, if we want to be clean?

- 4• Let your utterance be always with graciousness, seasoned with salt, so as to know how you ought to give an answer to each one. (**Colossians 4:6**)

[Question] How should we make all of our utterances, and what will this teach us over time?

- 5• The **mouth** of the righteous is the one that utters wisdom in an undertone, and his is the tongue that speaks justly. (**Psalms 37:30**)

[Question] What does the mouth of the righteous one utter in an undertone?

- 6• O Yehowah, do deliver my soul from false lips, from the tricky tongue. (**Psalms 120:2**)

[Question] What did the Psalmist ask Yehowah God to deliver him from?

- 7• A man has rejoicing in the answer of his **mouth**, and a word at its right time, is O how **good**! (**Proverbs 15:23**)

[Question] What is a word, given at just the right time for it?

- 8• Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and he that is loving it will eat its fruitage. (**Proverbs 18:21**)

[Question] What powers are in the tongue?

[Question] What will those loving to do good with their tongues experience?

- 9• There exists gold, also an abundance of corals, but the lips of knowledge are precious vessels. (**Proverbs 20:15**)

[Question] What are the lips of knowledge when compared to precious material things, many crave?

- 10• The words of the **mouth** of the wise one mean favor, but the lips of the stupid one swallow him up. (**Ecclesiastes 10:12**)

[Question] What comes forth from the lips of the wise ones?

- 11• Salt is fine, but if ever the salt loses its strength, with **what** will you season it itself? Have salt in yourselves, and keep peace between one another. (**Mark 9:50**)

[Question] How did Jesus Christ illustrate, how we must keep peace with one another?

- 12• And they all began to give **favorable** witness about him and to marvel at the winsome words proceeding **out** of his **mouth**, and they were **saying**; This is a son of Joseph, is it not? (**Luke 4:22**)

[Question] How did people feel, when they first saw Jesus Christ, and heard his winsome words?

- 13• If any man seems to himself to be a formal worshiper, and yet does not bridle his tongue, but goes on deceiving his

own heart, this man's form of worship is futile. (**James 1:26**)

[Question] What would make a man's way of worship futile, if he could not get it under control through his spirit?

- 14· **So, too, the tongue is a little member, and yet makes great brags. Look! How little a fire, it takes to set so great a woodland on fire! (**James 3:5**)**

[Question] What wrongs things does the tongue, driven by self-will do?

[Question] How does James illustrate, how this small member of our body can do a great deal of damage?

- 15· **Well, the tongue is a fire. The tongue is constituted a world of unrighteousness among our members, for it spots up all the body, and sets the wheel of natural life aflame, and it is set aflame by Gehenna. (**James 3:6**)**

[Question] What did James say about the tongue among our many members?

- 16· **But the tongue, not one of mankind can get it tamed. An unruly injurious thing, it is full of death-dealing poison. (**James 3:8**)**

[Question] What did James say about the ability of mankind to control their tongues?

[Question] What are the mouths of many men simply filled with?

- 17· **For, he that would love life and see good days, let him restrain his tongue from what is bad, and his lips from speaking deception. (**1 Peter 3:10**)**

[Question] What must the one who would loves life, do with his tongue?